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Federal Communications Commission  
c/o Marlene Dortch, Secretary  
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Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

As a small business owner, I'm writing to express my support for the pending merger between AT&T and T-Mobile.

I run a global seafood processing and distribution company named Crabworks. Since I started my company in 2003, access to online business tools and programs has become increasingly vital. Crabworks provides food service to the U.S. military in several countries. This requires my staff and me to have constant availability to manage the contract and answer questions. We just can't do this without good, reliable service for our mobile communications devices.

While wireless broadband service is a given in larger U.S. cities, it is still spotty in smaller cities like Greenville, NC, where we are based. The AT&T/T-Mobile merger would change that. Before plans to combine with T-Mobile came about, AT&T estimated its next-generation 4G LTE network would be capable of providing high-speed wireless broadband to 80 percent of Americans, but if merged with T-Mobile, AT&T could deliver that service to over 97 percent of the U.S. population. Many of those millions live in rural areas of the country that currently struggle with access.

In today's economy, small business owners have much to worry about - where to get loans, how to pay for rising health care costs and maintaining a customer base to name a few- connecting to the Internet should be the least of their worries. If you approve this merger, it will be.

Sincerely,

Nick Crabtree

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